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TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT

Newest information highlighted in yellow.

The Hurricane Information Line will activate at noon Tuesday, August 29. The number is (772) 462-2766. Residents should NOT call 911, except for emergencies.

Spanish speaking representative will be available from noon until midnight.

St. Lucie County will hold regular press briefings at the Emergency Operations Center, located at 101 N. Rock Road in Fort Pierce, at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. daily until further notice.

Information is also available on the County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast channel 21 throughout the day, as well as the St. Lucie County School District's channel on Comcast channel 13, Adelphia channel 19 and Hometown Cable channel 19.

Pre-Storm Situation Report 03
Created (Date/Time): Tuesday, August 29, 2006 – noon
EOC Activation Level: 2-Partial

CURRENT SITUATION:

Tropical Storm Ernesto is forecast to make landfall near St. Lucie County on Wednesday. St. Lucie County can expect tropical storm force winds (sustained 50 mph winds) beginning Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. in the afternoon. The storm is expected to produce from 5-10" of rain. For more information, visit www.stlucieco.gov/eoc.

COUNTY ACTIONS:

- St. Lucie County has declared a local State of Emergency as of 8 a.m. Tuesday, August 29. St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at partial activation beginning Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- All County government offices, including courts, will reopen during regular business hours on Thursday, August 31. Employees should call (772) 462-1100 for verification.
- St. Lucie County School District employees and students should monitor the District's website (www.stlucie.k12.fl.us) for information on when to return.

- ❑ Fort Pierce City Hall will close on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 1 p.m. and will remain closed on Wednesday, August 30. The City Marina and Indian Hills Golf Course will close at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29 and will remain closed on Wednesday, August 30. Fort Pierce Solid Waste is working on a regular schedule today with no service on Wednesday. Service will resume on Thursday, August 31.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will issue **NO** evacuation orders for any area of the County.
- ❑ **No** General Shelters will open in St. Lucie County.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will **NOT** open the Special Needs Shelters.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County landfill will close on Wednesday, August 30 and reopen during regular hours on Thursday, August 31. There will be no garbage pickup Countywide on Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ At this point, there are no curfews in place. Depending on power outages after the storm, if any, law enforcement will review whether a curfew will be implemented.
- ❑ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) will leave power and water on to South Hutchinson Island customers. Power and water will stay on to all customers unless high winds or water damage equipment.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Utilities will be leaving water service on to North Hutchinson Island.
- ❑ St. Lucie County will hold regular press briefings at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. daily until further notice.

History

- ❑ St. Lucie County government offices (including Board of County Commissioners' offices, Tax Collector's offices, Supervisor of Elections' office and Property Appraiser's offices), Port St. Lucie City Hall and Fort Pierce City Hall will close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29 and all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The Port St. Lucie Early Voting location has been moved to the St. Lucie West Supervisor of Elections Office at 250 NW Country Club Drive in Port St. Lucie. Early voting will close at both locations (St. Lucie West and Orange Blossom Business Center) at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Courts will be closed all day Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ The St. Lucie County Clerk of Court offices will close Tuesday, August 29 at noon.
- ❑ St. Anastasia Catholic School and John Carroll High School will close at noon on Tuesday, August 29 and be closed all day Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ For residents of North and South Hutchinson Island, return placards are available at the Fort Pierce Police Department, located at 920 S. U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce, during regular business hours Tuesday, August 29. Bring photo identification with current address.
- ❑ St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center will be at partial activation Tuesday, August 29 at 8 a.m.
- ❑ Beginning at noon Monday, all political signs should be removed by noon Tuesday, August 29.
- ❑ All St. Lucie County Public Schools will have early dismissal on Tuesday, August 29 and be CLOSED Wednesday, August 30.
- ❑ Residents should listen to WQCS 88.9 FM at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 29 for regularly scheduled updates. Information will also be available on the

County's website at www.stlucieco.gov and on SLCTV Comcast Channel 21 throughout the day.